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A cartoon illustration of a man with glasses and a pipe, wearing a jacket with "HONTO" on it, standing next to a door with a bell. The door has the words "DING DI DING DIT" and "DING DI DING" written on it.

GOLLY GEE 73!  
IT'S TIME FOR  
OUR LITTLE CODE  
PRACTICE AND  
THEORY SESSION  
COME IN,  
PERCY

HI, ANNIE...  
JUST ONE MORE  
SESSION OF THE  
CODE AND I  
THINK I'LL BE  
READY FOR THAT  
NOVICE TICKET  
... AND I'VE  
READ UP ON  
ALL THOSE  
LITTLE RESISTOR  
AND CAPACITOR  
THINGS...

OH, PERCY!  
I'VE ALWAYS  
THOUGHT OF  
YOU AS BEING  
REAL HAM  
MATERIAL!

**WEEKS LATER...**

ANNIEBAAAABY!

I'M A HAM!

I'D SAY  
HE'S MORE  
OF A  
PORKCHOP

happy

THAT WAS WONDERFUL, PERCY!  
A WHOLE COLUMN OF 'W2NSD/I' AT 5-WPM WITHOUT A SINGLE MISTAKE... AND YOU DIDN'T GET HYSTERICAL ONCE!



**JUST THINK, ANNIE!**

'CQ TIBET... CQ TASMANIA...  
CQ PETERBOROUGH... WATSA,  
OLD MEN?... HOW COPY, GUS?  
SURE, I QSL... QRU?... QRS?...  
ROGERDODGER... QRZQRZQRZ  
QRZQRZQRZ? .....

**OH, PERCY... YOU'RE A  
REAL HAM! WHY DON'T  
YOU COME  
ALONG TO  
THE HAM  
CLUB WITH  
ME TONIGHT  
AND MEET  
THE LOCAL  
FELLOWS?**

OH BOY!  
WHOO!  
HOT DOG!  
BEE  
WHIT!

CLOUD/9

**THAT EVENING...**

**PUNKDUCK HOLLOW RADIO**  
MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AFTER 730 AEST

ADMITTED ONLY  
BY TICKET

NO  
OBSCURS

GDO

**FELLOWS... MEET PERCY!.....  
HE'S THE TOWN'S NEWEST HAM  
...HE JUST GOT HIS TICKET TODAY!**

**THE AMATEUR IS FRIENDLY**

HI PRCY BT GLD TO  
MEET U BT NME HR  
IS CLYDE ES I'M A CW  
MAN MYSLF SK

UR LOYA

AWWWH... HOPE TO  
HEAR YOU ON GOOD  
OLD 75 'PHONE WHEN  
YOU GET THAT BIG  
TICKET... AWWWH...  
THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL  
HEAR ME!

HAR HAR  
HAR...

WHATDIDHESAY?

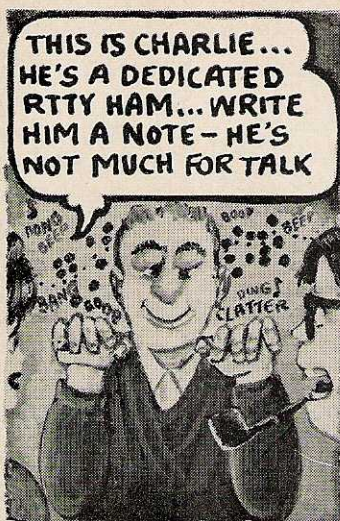
**WHATDIDHESAY?**

**YOU HAVE TO SORT  
OF WHISTLE WHILE  
HE TALKS... HE'S  
A SIDEBANDER...**





MEET OSCAR... HE'S  
A VHF OPERATOR...



THIS IS CHARLIE...  
HE'S A DEDICATED  
RTTY HAM... WRITE  
HIM A NOTE - HE'S  
NOT MUCH FOR TALK



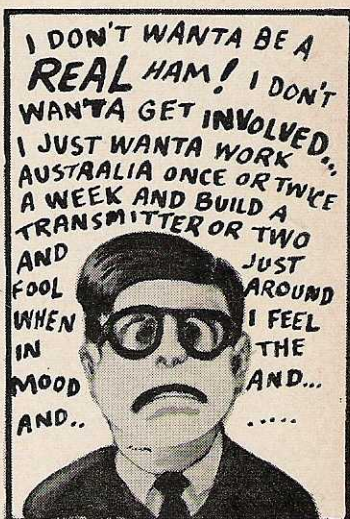
AWWRIGHT, YOU LIDS...  
LET'S GET THIS  
MEETING STARTED!



AWWRIGHT... LET'S GO WITH THE ROLLCALL  
... DON'T NOBODY BREAK IN OUTA TURN  
OR IT'S THE WOUFF HONG...

YOU CAN MEET SOME  
MORE OF THE FELLOWS  
AFTER THE MEETING...  
ISN'T THIS A WONDERFUL  
GROUP? ALL **REAL** HAMS-  
EACH WITH HIS OWN TALENTS  
CONTRIBUTING TO THE WHOLE  
OF THAT GREAT SERVICE-  
AMATEUR RADIO... PERCY?  
**PERCY!**

I WANTA  
GO HOME...



I DON'T WANTA BE A  
**REAL** HAM! I DON'T  
WANTA GET INVOLVED...  
I JUST WANTA WORK  
AUSTRAALIA ONCE OR TWICE  
A WEEK AND BUILD A  
TRANSMITTER OR TWO  
AND JUST AROUND  
FOOL WHEN I FEEL  
IN THE MOOD AND...  
AND...  
.....



I'LL NEVER GET **THAT** WRAPPED  
UP IN HAM RADIO... THOSE GUYS  
HAVE GONE THE LIMIT!



WANT TO STOP IN FOR A CUP  
OF HOT CHOCOLATE?

THANKS,  
BUT-I WANT TO GET HOME  
AND GET STARTED ON SOME  
AWARDS... I MADE FOUR  
DOZEN CERTIFICATE FRAMES  
THIS WEEK...

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